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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of  
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Martha Herm on the  
4 occasion of her retirement as the Executive Director of The  
5 Center for Prevention of Abuse in Peoria; and

6           WHEREAS, Martha Herm is responsible for managing the  
7 budget, grant procurement, program development, and  
8 representing the agency to community and funding sources while  
9 supervising a staff of 95; she began working at The Center for  
10 Prevention of Abuse as the finance and facilities supervisor in  
11 1989 and was named the Executive Director in 1990; and

12           WHEREAS, The Center for Prevention of Abuse works to change  
13 the lives of men, women, and children caught in the web of  
14 interpersonal violence and abuse; the agency began as a rape  
15 crisis hotline run by volunteers; today, the agency consists of  
16 5 different departments: WomenStrength, InnerStrength,  
17 SeniorStrength, YoughthStrength, and FamilyStrength; and

18           WHEREAS, During Martha Herm's time at The Center for  
19 Prevention of Abuse, the center celebrated the 25th anniversary  
20 of the Duck Race - the major fundraiser for the agency; and the  
21 elder abuse program was expanded to become Adult Protective  
22 Services; and

1           WHEREAS, Martha Herm is also involved with the Rotary Club  
2 of Peoria, the Illinois Coalition Against Domestic Violence,  
3 the Illinois Certified Domestic Violence Professionals, Inc.,  
4 the Illinois Domestic Violence Advisory Council, the 10th  
5 Judicial Circuit Family Violence Coordinating Council, the  
6 Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault, and the Heart of  
7 Illinois Agency Executives; and

8           WHEREAS, Martha Herm received the Outstanding Victim  
9 Advocacy Award given by the Victims' Rights Caucus of the House  
10 of Representatives; and

11           WHEREAS, Martha Herm received her bachelor's degree in  
12 biology from the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana and  
13 her master's degree in public administration from the  
14 University of Illinois at Springfield in 1988; she taught  
15 school in Connecticut, was a 4-H agent in West Virginia,  
16 managed the housekeeping staff at the Sheraton Hotel in  
17 Madison, Wisconsin, and kept the books for a tour company in  
18 San Francisco, California; she eventually returned to manage  
19 the family farm, where, at one time or another, she and her  
20 siblings all worked and where her daughter is now the fifth  
21 generation to live on the family farm; and

22           WHEREAS, Martha Herm's retirement will be official on June

1 1, 2015; therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
3 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
4 congratulate Martha Herm on her retirement as the Executive  
5 Director of The Center for Prevention of Abuse and we wish her  
6 the best in all her future endeavors; and be it further

7 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
8 presented to Martha Herm as an expression of our esteem and  
9 respect.